

James Madison to George Washington, February 11, 1788. Transcription: The Writings of James Madison, ed. Gaillard Hunt. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1900-1910.

TO GEORGE WASHINGTON. WASH. MSS.

N. York, Feby. 11, 88.

Dear Sir,

The newspaper inclosed with the letter which follows, comprises the information brought me by the mail of yesterday

“ Boston, Feby. 3d.

“I inclose a newspaper containing the propositions communicated by Mr. Hancock to the Convention on thursday last. Mr. Adams who contrary to his own sentiments has been hitherto silent in Convention, has given his Public and explicit approbation of Mr. Hancock's propositions. We flatter ourselves that the weight of these two characters will ensure our success; but the event is not absolutely certain. Yesterday a committee was appointed on the motion of a doubtful character to consider the propositions submitted by Mr. Hancock and to report tomorrow afternoon. We have a majority of federalists on this Committee and flatter ourselves the result will be favorable. P. S. We shall probably decide on thursday or friday next, when our numbers will amount to about 363.”¹

¹ The following final sentence is omitted by Madison: “Gerry has kept at Cambridge & our opponents say nothing of his reinvitation.” Madison sent the letter to Alexander Hamilton

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to read with this note added: "Read the above immediately & send it back by the bearer who will wait for it. I shall be glad of the newspaper in about an Hour & an half."— *Mad. MSS.*

With greatest esteem & attachment

I am Dear Sir, Yr. Obedt. & affe. Servt..